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FOR: CELLULOSE ACETATE AND DOPE CONTAINING THE SAME

**Proposed AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 27, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2001, the period for response being extended two months to January 27, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with this application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 19 and 21, and amend the remaining claims to read:

1. (four times amended) A cellulose acetate compound obtained by the reaction of a cellulose, which may contain a hemicellulose, with acetic anhydride substantially free from a polybasic carboxylic acid in the presence of a sulfuric acid catalyst and having at least one feature selected from the

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